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Frank L. Duley Passes In Death Last Sunday After Brief Illness; Was Prominent Northfield Citizen

Prof. Frank L. Duley, age 65, died at the Addison Gilbert hospital in Gloucester last Sunday morning at six o'clock. He had been ill for only a short time. Retiring from the head of the history department of the Northfield seminary last June, he had gone to Gloucester to make his home and occupied the old family homestead of the Duley family, located in Lanesville. The information was received in Northfield early Sunday and soon spread among his friends, who received it with sorrow and surprise.

Mr. Duley was born Jan. 10, 1872, son of John and Augusta Duley, an old family living in the Lanesville section of Gloucester. He was graduated from the Gloucester schools, attended Mt. Hermon and was graduated in 1897 from Williams college. He joined the faculty of Robert college in Constantinople, now Istanbul, and served on the staff of the United States consulate at Constantinople, Turkey, from 1899 to 1901, acting as deputy consul-general and marshal of the consular court.

He returned to this country in 1901, married a girlhood friend, Blanche M. S. Steer of Gloucester and then came to Mt. Hermon as head of the classical department, teaching Latin and Greek under Dr. Henry F. Cutler who was principal.

Mr. Duley went to Northfield seminary in 1912 as head of the history department and in 1925 to 1929 he was acting principal of the seminary.

During his residence in Northfield he had been a deacon and trustee of the local Trinitarian Congregational church, and president of the Northfield Brotherhood. He was a member of the town school committee for 12 years and chairman nine years. He served as trustee of the Dickinson library and was a member of Harmony lodge of Masons, and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at Williams.

He achieved the rare distinction of receiving an M. A. from Classical association, having pub-



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lished papers many times. From a ledger of the students in his many classes, it appears that he taught over 8000 students in the 37 years of his teaching.

Mr. Duley attended Mt. Hermon school during the lifetime of D. L. Moody, the founder, and his career was profoundly influenced by this contact with the world-famous educator, a n d evangelist. He was graduated from Mt. Hermon in 1893.

Highly respected, Mr. Duley was an influence in this community. His advice was frequently sought by friends and labors in all civic matters he freely gave. He was frequently invited to appear before local organizations for talks on current history.

Surviving are his wife and one son, Lansford. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Lanesville Congregational church with Rev. Robert Hodgins, pastor of the church, and Rev. Stanley Carne as officiating clergymen. Burial was in the family plot in Lanesville.

A large delegation from Northfield attended the funeral services, representing the local Congregational church, the Brotherhood, Harmony lodge of Masons, and the Northfield schools. Mt. Hermon and the Seminary.

Third Birthday Of Youth Hostel

Monday, Dec. 27, was the third birthday of the hostel movement in this country. Beginning in a modest way in the Chateau under the leadership of Monroe and Isabel Smith, American Youth Hostels now owns and uses two commodious houses on Main St., one as local hotel No. 1, the other as national headquarters. During the passing year 7116 persons of both sexes were enrolled as members.

Hostelers from near and far began to arrive the day before Christmas for the holiday period over 50 in all, including students from a dozen colleges and numerous high schools, and others from business and professional life. Over 250 overnights have been registered this week.

The third birthday was celebrated by a trip to Mt. Monadnock during the day and by a birthday party in the evening. The recreation room at the hostel was filled with a happy crowd of young people. Songs of Norway, Austria, Switzerland, England and other nations were given by groups who have hosted in those lands.

On Tuesday the young people hiked and skied to the white birch, and on Wednesday to Mt. Grace. Informal programs of music and singing and dancing filled the evening hours.

New Year's eve will be observed as open house at the hostel. Townspeople are invited to join the fun, with no expense. They can spend New Year's day at the hostel, cooking their own lunch and joining the skiing parties.

When the weather man favors Northfield with snow, skiing parties will take to the open spaces every week-end. Fritz and Karl Kaufhold, who are experienced skiers, will be in charge and will give instruction to beginners. Any townspeople who want to join these parties should get information from the hostel.

The success of last summer's "rolling hostel" trip from Montreal to the Pacific coast and back has led to a repetition of the plan this summer, and probably of other trips bringing

After "Tourist Crop" Down In Florida

The tourist business is a five million dollar industry down in Florida and that state is doing a real job in attracting her share of this huge business. As near as can be ascertained it is authentically reported that last year 1,750,000 visitors from the north were in Florida and that for this season 2,500,000 visitors are expected.

Over one million dollars will be spent in advertising the advantages of the state. It is expected that many visitors will secure permanent homes in the state for winter residence. Those from Northfield who now own homes there are Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn, Prof. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage, Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Brown. There are 23 copies of the Northfield Press going to Florida weekly, mostly to local subscribers spending the winter there. Everything looks bright down in Florida.

Westerners to New England. There will also be the usual hotel tours in Europe.

Monroe and Isabel Smith entertained a party of seventeen at dinner on Christmas day, including the staffs at headquarters and the hostel. Bill Nelson entertained the children as Santa Claus.

The hostel has received from Dr. Allen H. Wright a complete first-aid kit for use in emergencies. Among other gifts are eight volumes of travel and fiction for the hostel library from Mrs. Gutney.

A friend has sent ten dollars to the hostel, to be used in paying for memberships for town boys and girls who cannot afford to join.

Monroe and Isabel Smith, national directors, are planning to leave Northfield by car for the Pacific coast on Monday next, Jan. 3. They will visit hostels en route, address meetings, and exhibit hostel movies, and otherwise promote the AYH movement. They expect to be away about two months.

Our Fire Rating; We Pay Too Much; What's The Reason?

The agitation for a better fire rating in Greenfield on property there has brought about a study of the situation as determined by the Insurance Exchange. There are six divisions and classifications in which the towns and fire districts are placed with the amount to be paid by the inhabitants. The rate quoted on each division may vary somewhat according to conditions surrounding each property but in general they are:

Class A	16 cents
Class B	18 cents
Class C	22 cents
Class D	27 cents
Class E	50 cents
Class F	65 cents

The rate is unofficial but furnishes the cost for each one hundred dollars for the insured.

Northfield is placed in class D with a rate of 27 cents and the other towns in this class are Ashfield, Colrain and Deerfield. Of the 26 towns of the county, four are in class C (the cheapest rate), four are in class D, six in class E, and twelve in class F. None in classes A or B.

For comparison the listing of the county is as follows, the letter indicating the division and class rate:

Ashfield	D
Barnardston	E
Buckland	F
Charlemont	E
Colrain	F
Conway	E
Deerfield	D
Erving	E
Gill	F
Greenfield	C
Hawley	F
Heath	F
Lake Pleasant	D
Leverett	F
Leyden	F
Millers Falls	C
Monroe	F
Montague	F
Montague City	F
New Salem	F
Northfield	D
Rowe	F
Orange	C
Shelburne	F
Shelburne Falls	C
Shutesbury	F
Sunderland	E
Turners Falls	C
Warwick	F
Wendell	F
Whately	F

In Northfield, summer property has a special rating and the cost is very much higher than the general rate which is subject to certain regulations. As a rule no complaints have been made on property favorably located in town but those beyond the two-mile limit of the fire station and not having hydrant service have been severely penalized. Northfield's fire department is efficient but the town needs a more complete fire hydrant service.

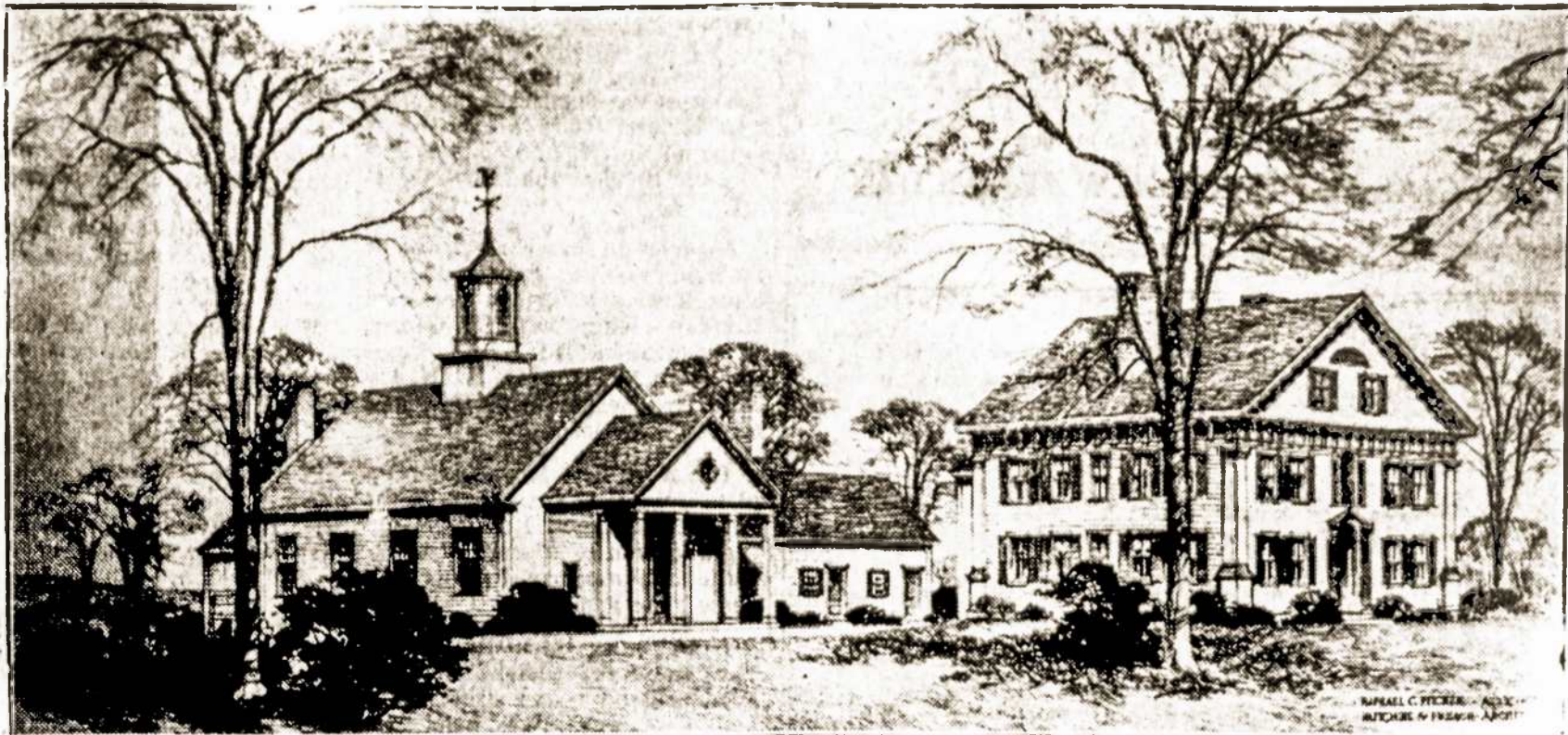
Skiing Is Popular

With the ground covered with snow and the crust offering a shiny surface the interest in skiing is increasing and much publicity appears in the papers regarding the sport. Equipment dealers are advertising extensively and manufacturers are rushed with orders, for nowadays, although college students lead in the sport, every member of the family can get out into the open on skis. Booklets are being published regarding the sport and in "A Guide to Skiing in New England," the trails of Northfield are being specifically mentioned.

It says regarding the facilities in Western Massachusetts:

"The Berkshire section offers to the skier countless new facilities. In the state forest areas of Brimfield, Chester, Great Barrington, Pittsfield and Savoy, there are recently completed trails for all classes, slopes and lodges. Adams has added slopes as has Holyoke. There are now trails at Northfield, Greenfield, Lenox, New Ashford on Brodie Mt., North Adams, Northampton, Stockbridge and South Lee. Chickley Alp, a new section, has been developed at West Hawley where facilities include open slopes, trails for all classes, a 1000-foot tow, shelter and fire-place. The Great Barrington sports center on Warner mountain has added two fine trails, an open slope, two tows and a log cabin. Black Panther ski hill at Huntington boasts the longest single tow in the state, 1600 feet in length, a 25 and a 35-meter jump and two practice jumps. Newly lighted areas include Bull Dog hill at Dalton and the Stockbridge Ski club night hill with maximum grade of 20 degrees.

The Ella Lambert Murphy Community Center at Winchester



This memorial building was given to the town of Winchester by Governor Francis P. Murphy of New Hampshire in the memory of his mother and will be devoted to the social purposes of all individuals and organizations in the community. The work of remodeling an completion of new construction has so far advanced that the dedication will take place the coming month.

"The Starflower," Christmas Pageant, Splendidly Given

The Sunday school of the Congregational church presented a beautiful pageant in the church last Sunday afternoon at five o'clock as part of its Christmas services. The church was well filled and the illuminations and decorations were becoming to the festive season. Supt. Paul Chamberlain, of the church school with his committees had prepared for the event and it was well rendered. There was special music and congregational singing.

The reader of the script, "The Starflower," was Rev. William W. Coe and those who portrayed the characters in the production were Donald Finch, Virginia Powell, Barbara Harris, Dr. George A. Bronson, Mrs. Dorothy Whitney, Mrs. M. F. Lopez, Mrs. Helen Stearns, Charles Taber, Lawrence Durgin, Matthew Forsaith, Evans Potts, Winthrop James, Clarence Webber, Laurie Harris, Lloyd Carne, Robert Huber, Sidney Given, Harlene Carne and the following children: Richard Whitney, Maria Lopez, Roger Lopez, Lois Stearns, Dwight Stearns and Shirley Miller.

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Christmas Seals Brought Good Sale

The sale of the Christmas seals in Northfield for the work of the County Public Health association, closed officially on Christmas day and those having received the latter with enclosure of the stamps and who have not made their reply should do so at once as it is very important that all should be accounted for and returns made. Thus far there has been received \$175 which is \$15 short of last year's total of \$190. Mrs. Marion Lilley who had charge of the canvass in this area has done a good job and through the Press she desires to express her appreciation of the splendid cooperation given by our citizens. It is believed that when all the returns are finally in the total will equal if not exceed that of last year. Don't forget that if per chance you have not made your return, please do so at once.

Local Bowlers

As a result of the bowling game played Wednesday evening of last week with Bernardston and winning the game, the Northfield team found itself in first place by a few points.

This week Wednesday the team played the Weldon Hotel team, its rival for first position, but lost the game and now finds itself again in second place.

Ware of Northfield holds the high single score first place and second place high three strings. In the averages of leaders Ware is third, Gingras sixth, Browning twelfth and Porter thirteenth.

The Fortnightly

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be held in Alexander hall, Friday, January 7th at 3:00 o'clock when Aubrey Butler will speak on "Roses and Gardenias." There will be musical selections and Mrs. W. A. Barr is the hostess. Members of the Garden club are to be guests at this meeting.

Increased Business At Post Offices During The Holiday

With the usual staff of employees the business during the Christmas season at the various post offices herabouts, was handled expeditiously, and each day saw the work completed before the closing hour. At East Northfield Postmaster Skilton reports that half again as much mail was received and forwarded as for the same period last year. At the Northfield post office the volume handled was greater than last year but only by a small margin. At Hermon and at South Vernon the business was normal. A much increased demand existed at all offices for the cent and a half stamp which meant that there was a large mailing of Christmas cards.

Our rural carriers appeared as Santa with their packs in making the appointed rounds. Publications of the Northfield schools, the Youths Hostel and the Northfield Press was handled efficiently during the Christmas rush and received by subscribers at the usual time without delay. The staff at the various offices deserve credit for their many courtesies to the public.

The Eastern Star Elect Officers For The Year

The Northfield Chapter Order of the Eastern Star held its annual meeting at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening of last week and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Beatrice Harris; worthy patron, Vernal Hurlbut; associate matron, Miss Gladys Ellithorpe; associate patron, Walter Hyde; conductress, Miss Dorothy Pierson; associate conductress, Mrs. Ruth Hurlbut; treasurer, Miss Edith Steadler; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Steadler; trustee, Charles C. Stearns. It is expected that the officers will be regularly installed at the meeting of Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Seven Local Boys Win Hermon Honors

Charles Taber, Aiden French, and Carleton Finch of Northfield and Kenneth Franz, Charles Thompson, Richard Birdsall and Robert Birdsall of Mt. Hermon have won scholarship honors at Mt. Hermon school for the second marking period which ended with Christmas vacation.

Eighty-six boys out of a total enrollment of 575 had a better than 80 average. A place on the list entitles the student to take one cut from each of his classes during the next six week marking period. Aiden French, Charles Thompson and both Birdsalls boys have been on the honor list since the beginning of school in September.

Mrs. Edward S. Slate

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Edward S. Slate who for some time has been conducting the Reed Filling station on Main street in the loss of his wife by death last Sunday at the Farren Memorial hospital after an illness of two weeks. She was 55 years of age and had been prominent in work of the Rebekahs and the Eastern Star at Turners Falls, although they had made their home in recent years at Montague City. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Slate is a brother of Charles F. Slate, Northfield's Tax Collector and Treasurer.

At the Rotary club meeting in Greenfield last Wednesday evening Albert E. Roberts of the Northfield schools gave an address of the "Spirit of Christmas" and led in the singing of Christmas carols.

The pitch players from Harmony lodge of Masons have been successful in winning the series of six games played with members of Golden Rule lodge of Hinsdale and now the Hinsdale boys will have to provide a supper. Another series of games will be played after the holidays.

Presents Bad Bill; But Local Clerk Was Suspicious

A short, slender, dark-haired young man rushed into the local A & P store in the Webster block last Wednesday evening shortly before six o'clock and ordered a couple packages of cigarettes, tendering a \$10 bill. The manager of the store, Vernal Hurlbut, waited on the customer and looking at the bill was not satisfied with its appearance or feeling. He declined to accept and make change, and the young man went his way very likely getting out of the town as soon as possible.

Since, however, it has been discovered that he visited Hinsdale and made efforts to pass counterfeit money there at several places, and succeeded at Field's drug store where, in the hurry of the rush hour, it was accepted. Then in Brattleboro the young man left his traces by attempting to cash in there, but when the Chief of Police was notified he informed at once all merchants. It is reported he passed two bills there.

State's Attorney Berry of Brattleboro at once issued two John Doe warrants for his arrest, one charging spurious money and the other possession of counterfeit bills with intent to utter. It is believed the young man had accomplices with him but none were seen here. The young man was about 25 years of age, of foreign extraction, about five feet tall and weighing about 125 pounds. He has blue eyes and was dressed in blue overalls and jumper. He was wearing a cap.

The bill he passed in Hinsdale is a poor counterfeit and was a copy of a certificate of the 1934 issue with the likeness of Alexander Hamilton. It bore serial number A73878074A. The back was of poor printing. Agents of the U. S. Dept. of Justice are investigating.

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Winchester Town Is To Dedicate The Murphy Memorial

The Ellen Lambert Memorial, a community building for Winchester named in honor of the mother of Governor Francis P. Murphy, who gave from his personal funds \$15,000 towards its construction following an initial gift of \$10,000 from an unnamed source will be dedicated the week of Jan. 17.

On Monday evening a banquet will be given, attended by Governor Murphy who will have as his guests, Gov. Hurley of Massachusetts, Gov. Quinn of Rhode Island, and Gov. Aiken of Vermont. It is expected that Bishop Dallas of the Episcopal church and President Englehardt of the University of New Hampshire will be present.

The community house is now nearing completion at the hands of Leavis and Bolton, contractors of Northfield, and will be used for all purposes by responsible parties and organizations of the town. In it a planned social service effort for the young people of the town will be properly supervised. Several local folks are to be invited to attend the dedication and all will be welcome to inspect the new building as soon as dedicated.

Myron A. Billings

Myron A. Billings, age 84, died Wednesday night of last week at the home of his son, Roger Billings, on the Northfield Farms road. He had been ill for several months.

He was born in Northfield on Feb. 26, 1853, and had lived in this part of the country the major part of his life save for two years when he operated a large farm in Kansas. In 1880 he married Miss Luella Bartlett in Kansas and the couple lived there until 1896 when they came back to Massachusetts and bought a farm on the Boston post road which they operated for about 30 years. On March 26, 1930, the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Billings died in 1935 and since that time Mr. Billings had made his home with his son.

He is survived by one son, Roger Billings of the Northfield Farms road; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Chaswick of Wollaston; one sister, Mrs. Marion Archbold of Claremont, N. H., and several grand and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon at the Billings home on the Farms road with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating and burial was in the Northfield Farms cemetery.

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LOCALS

The property of Edward C. Gerrish in West Northfield will be sold in foreclosure of a mortgage on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 2:00 o'clock on the premises.

A warrant has been posted at the Farms library for the annual meeting of the Farms Library association to be held at the library Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

James Nye is now the Scoutmaster of the Northfield patrol of Boy Scouts. They are using a lodge on the W. R. Moody premises on Birnam road for quarters.

A series of home meetings of members of the Congregational church were held this week. On Monday evening with Dr. George A. Bronson at Hunts Inn, Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. LaZelle, Wednesday with Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Coe.

The Northfield basketball team played the Petersham team at the Mt. Hermon gym Monday evening and won by a score of 63-20. Quite a number of friends witnessed the game.

It was very interesting to see the one-horse sleighs out on Wednesday on our streets. The sound of the jingle bells was pleasing.

A memorial service to the memory of the late Prof. Frank L. Duley will be held at the seminary after the holiday vacation.

Although many more deer were killed in the hunting season this year than last year the report of Franklin county shows a marked decrease. In 1936 435 deer were taken while 1937 shows 372.

Thirty-six families of this town were represented in the gathering of young people of the Social club which met at the local hostel in its last meeting. The next gathering will be Monday evening, Jan. 3.

Instead of the usual Friday evening service at Northfield Farms schoolhouse it has been decided to accept the invitation of Rev. Mr. Carne to attend the watch-night service at the Homestead. Next Sunday the Sunday school will meet at 2:30 and at 6:45 the evening service which young people are urged to attend and decide upon the continuance of the chorus and to make further plans.

The University Women's association of the county will meet at Mt. Hermon Thursday, Jan. 6 in social hall on the campus. Miss Jeannette G. Daboll of the Northfield seminary is chairman of the committee, the members of which will tell of the needs in the line of vocational guidance they have found in visits to the high schools in Bernardston, Northfield, New Salem, Ashfield and Charlemont.

In sending his greeting cards to friends here, Mr. Coburn, who is at Orlando, Fla., mailed them from Christmas, Florida, at the post office bearing that name and postmark. The envelope also bears a cut of a Christmas tree with "greetings" in green ink and becomes quite a souvenir in itself. A few envelopes received at the East Northfield post office for local folks were sent and marked from Santa Claus, Ind.

According to a review of the business conditions in New England, it has been found that the Christmas volume was somewhat below that of the previous year. All local merchants, however, say that it was up to expectations and that there is a smaller amount of special goods to be carried over.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Scoble have announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine, to Stanley Guglick of Yonkers, N. Y. Miss Scoble is a graduate of the Northfield high school and has been employed as a nurse, assistant for a dentist in New York City.

Miss Arline Holton of Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of R. Carl Holton, is visiting Miss Marion and Dr. R. G. Holton during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster celebrated with their family, their 25th wedding anniversary on Christmas day at Valley Vista Inn. Many out-of-town relatives and friends wired congratulations and flowers.

Miss Helen Conley of the hotel has been spending the holiday vacation with her mother in Florida.

Jack Bennett spent the Christmas vacation from Temple university at his home here and with his mother, Mrs. A. F. Bennett, were in Boston for a few days.

Mrs. William R. Moody had as her guests over the holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Packard and children, David Bruce and William Moody, and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of New York City. Mrs. Packard and Mrs. Smith are her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Stearns and family and Mrs. Nellie F. Adams of South Vernon, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stearns at Hinsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Poler of Medina, N. Y., are spending the Christmas holidays with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Foster at their home on Highland avenue.

Miss E. Lucile Foster returned to her home here from training at the Wesson Memorial hospital at Springfield to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Foster. Another daughter, Miss Anne E., returned from her studies at Hartford Seminary Foundation of Religious education.

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones spent Christmas with their son and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Jones in Providence, R. I.

From Dr. Elliott W. Brown, we are in receipt of a card in which he envies his Northfield friends enjoying the clear cool weather and keeping comfortable and warm in their homes. The reason is that when Florida has cool weather as in the previous few weeks, it's not comfortable and homes have no provision for heat. However, they are enjoying their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Polhemus entertained a large number of friends in an "open house" Christmas eve at their home on Main street. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Miss Pauline Moor was home for the holidays on a visit with her mother, Mrs. Lena Moor, of Birnam road.

Miss Mildred Coe of New York City spent the Christmas season with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Coe on Main street.

Miss Bernice Webster of New York was at her home for the holidays and attended the Alexander family Christmas dinner at the Northfield hotel.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Pattison will be interested to learn that they are spending a pleasant vacation at West Summerland in British Columbia, on an island in the Pacific ocean.

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Earle W. Makepeace are now permanently located in Pasadena, Calif., where Mr. Makepeace has found employment.

Miss Verna Blanche Eastman of Gill, a former teacher in our schools was married to Maurice Whittemore Taylor of Greenfield on Christmas day at the home of the bride, by Rev. David Lovett of the Bernardston Baptist church. They will reside in Brattleboro.

Mrs. Bessie E. Symonds of Highland avenue after spending some weeks with her daughter and husband in Worcester left to spend the remainder of the winter this week in Orlando, Florida.

Rev. W. H. Giebel was the speaker at the Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday school at Warwick on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The State college at Amherst announces its winter carnival for Feb. 11 and 12 when it is expected that a number from here will attend.

William Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr, who is employed in New York City spent the holiday vacation at his home on the Winchester road.

Chandler Holton who is teaching at Atlanta, Georgia, is spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Selectman and Mrs. Fred A. Holton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Gould of Athol visited friends in town on Christmas day.

Joseph F. Bittinger is now enjoying the warm and balmy climate of Ocala, Fla.

Miss Priscilla Porter is visiting her brother Robert who is with the Pennsylvania Power & Light company at Bethlehem, Pa.

Another new postage stamp was placed on sale Monday at the East Northfield post office. It is the Virgin Islands stamp in the territorial commemorative series. It is of the three-cent denomination, purple in color. The central subject is a view of the city of Charlotte Amalie with the harbor and islands in the distance. At the top are the words, "Virgin Islands." at the bottom are the words, "Charlotte Amalie."

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Of much interest is the compilation of figures shown in a research of 1340 institutions of learning in this country which gave the religious preferences of American students. It involved 828,071 students who gave their affiliation with the following faiths: Methodists, 156,423; Roman Catholic, 122,786; Baptist, 99,219; Presbyterian, 88,473; Christian-Congregational, 48,354; Protestant Episcopal, 47,729; Lutheran, 38,339; Hebrew, 32,405; Disciples, 13,921; Christian Science, 12,282; Latter Day Saints, 11,428.

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The Editor

At The Victoria

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 on the stage there will be seven acts of vaudeville. On the screen will be shown "Theodora Goes Wild" with Irene Dunne and Melvyn Douglas. There will be short subjects and a colored cartoon.

Friday evening at midnight there will be a gala show. The following artists will appear. Larry Thornton, singing star; Jack Wyatt in a "wee bit of scotch"; Gladstone and Moore, funsters; Dick Strain, dancing; Merritt and Gauthier, in a lot of fun; Magini and Co., in mirth with it," replied Jack.

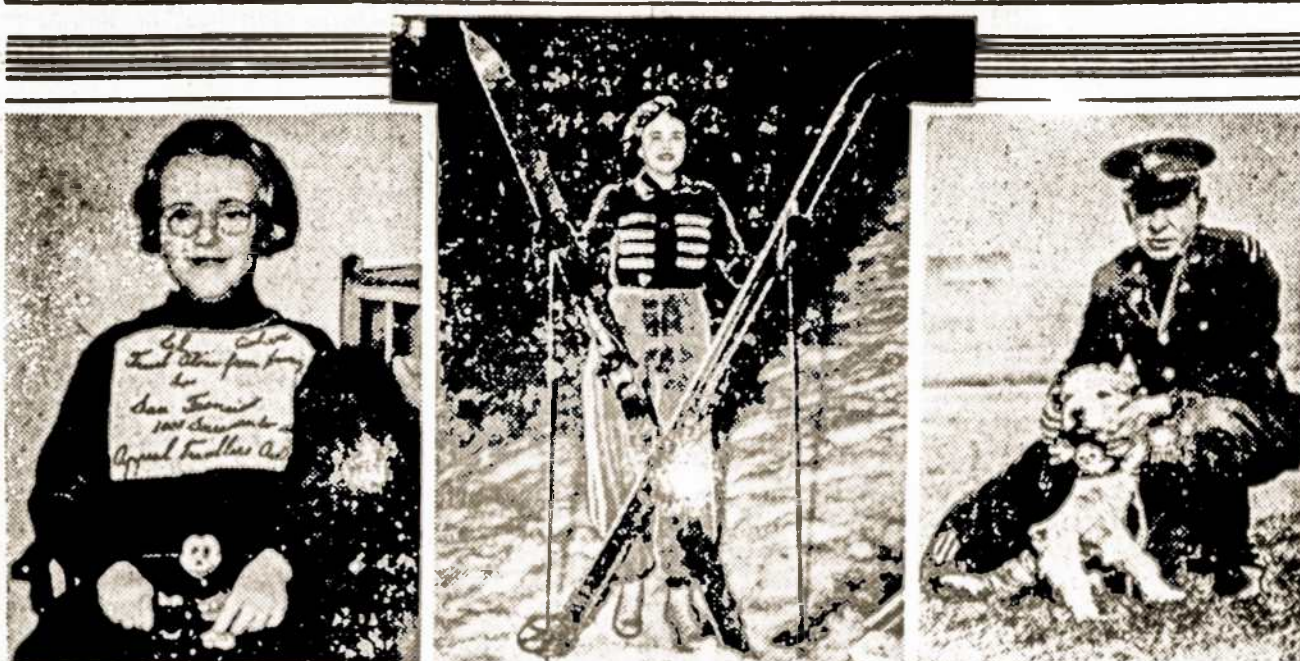
and myster; and Francis Renault in impersonations. The picture will be "Way Out West with Laurel and Hardy."

Starting Sunday for three days will be shown "Night Must Fall" with Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell. Co-feature, "Land Beyond the Law" with Dick Foran.

A Scottish horseman went into a saddler's shop and asked for one spur.

"But why only one spur?" asked the puzzled saddler. "Well, if I can get one side of the horse to go, I'll have the other will go."

In The WEEK'S NEWS



COMES HOME ALONE—Elinor Richard, 8-year-old orphan returns to her birthplace, San Francisco, from Norway, with her name and destination attached on her coat as the only means of identification. Her uncle awaits to adopt her.

WINTER'S NEWEST MODE—Edith Dismann, young New York designer, poses in her own conception of the ideal 1938 skiing costume. She uses dooskin velvet—a new upholstery material that proves equally suitable for snowy slopes—in robin's egg blue and beige.

DOG IS ARMY OFFICER—Sergeant Rags, who has been in the Army for 15 years, seven of which he has been an officer in the 76th Field Artillery, is shown with Staff Sgt. L. R. Lappin.



AMNESIA VICTIM HOME—Two years after Jimmy Saunders became a victim of amnesia his memory was restored when a vertebra was put in place. He is shown being greeted by his wife upon arrival in Cincinnati.



CROCHET CHAMPION—Title of National Crochet Champion was conferred upon Mrs. Frank E. Hayward, of Seattle, Wash., by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt at the American Woman's Club in New York. Mrs. Hayward's victorious bedspread was crocheted of cotton in a fine star-and-circle motif. It won over hundreds of entries of prize winners in local fairs.



SINGS FOR PRESIDENT—John Jacob Niles, invited by Mrs. Roosevelt to give a program of American folk music at the White House, holds one of the many dulcimers he has designed and on which he accompanies himself.

SOUTH VERNON

South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray pastor. Services, Sunday, 10:45, morning worship; 12:15, church school; 7, evening worship. Mid-week service Vernon Home, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

The annual church business meeting will be held at the church Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 4 at 1:30 o'clock. Members of the church and friends who are interested are urged to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Tibbetts returned to their home at Auburn, Maine, after spending some time with Rev. and Mrs. Gray.

Eleven members of the Vernon Grange attended neighbors' night with the Northfield Grange Tuesday and heard a very interesting program. Members from several Granges in nearby places were present. Refreshments were served and a social time followed.

Miss Daisy Briggs spent Christmas day with her friend Mrs. R. E. Bruce.

Mrs. William Hilliard is about again after having sprained her ankle some time ago. Her daughter, Miss Matosky, has returned to her home.

Miss Olivia Edson spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Edson.

A most interesting Christmas concert was given at the South Vernon church last Friday evening. Readings, recitations and songs were given by the children, interspersed with special music by the chorus choir. A. A. Dunklee presided and directed the program. At the close of the exercises a well laden Christmas tree was relieved of its gifts and candy boxes were given to the children.

Miss Eleanor Bruce of Northampton, spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Koslosky and family spent Christmas with relatives in Worcester.

Miss Vivia Jilson of New York spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Herbert Jilson on the Newton road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson spent Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker in Green River, Vt.

Mrs. Laura Bruce was sufficiently able to accompany Mr. Bruce to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Underwood to spend Christmas day. The Underwoods came on from Gloucester to spend the week-end at their home here.

Mrs. H. V. Martineau spent Christmas with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Martineau.

Enjoys Ride In Appropriated Car

Late Thursday afternoon of last week, a children's party was given in the vestry of the Congregational church and Santa Claus was there to hand out the gifts to the young folks of the Sunday school. Among those to assist was Rev. W. A. White, who with his wife had driven down in their automobile and left it parked near the church. At the conclusion of the exercises when Mr. White went out to get his car, it had disappeared.

It appears that young Charles Wright, a juvenile and adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wright, did not wait for Santa's gifts in the assembly, but went out and decided to take a ride. He drove alone along the highways visiting nearby places and was enroute to Springfield. Stopping at Wilson's gas station at North Hatfield he replenished his gas tank and drove off without paying.

State police were notified at the Northampton barracks and since they had the alarm of the missing car from Northfield, it was an easy matter for Patrolman Ryan to step out on the highway and within five minutes spot the wanted car. The young man, only 16 years old, was held overnight and taken to Juvenile court at Greenfield where he was paroled in custody of his foster parents for the holiday to be sent later to Belchertown. Mr. White recovered his car at the State police barracks at Northampton, Friday morning.

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Friday, December 31, 1937

EDITORIAL

The Mass. State Grange is planning to join forces with other interested civic state organizations in opposing the diversion of the highway fund this year — and in recommending a constitutional amendment to dedicate highway funds for highways. The fact that the State of Massachusetts as a result of its diversion this year is threatened in 1938 with a loss of more than \$1,000,000 of federal highway aid under the Hayden-Cartwright act which penalizes states diverting a large proportion of their highway fund is alone reason enough why such an unfair method of taxation should be discontinued. A substantial part of this million dollars was intended to be used for improvement of rural roads.

Health teaching in the schools of Massachusetts is a topic which concerns every home in our Commonwealth. All of you know that you can go only so far in keeping people healthy by exercise of law and the use of sanitary preventive measures.

Further progress in public health depends on the practice of individual health habits and correct living on the part of the individuals themselves. Health practices—like all other habits—should be formed during childhood.

Since the school's aim is to prepare the child for complete living—it is the logical place to do its share in teaching children good health habits as a part of their general education.

Bill: I'm learning to fly, Grandma. Pretty soon I can take you to the city in an airplane.
Grandmother: You will not! When I want to go to the city I'll go in an automobile—the way Providence intended me to go.

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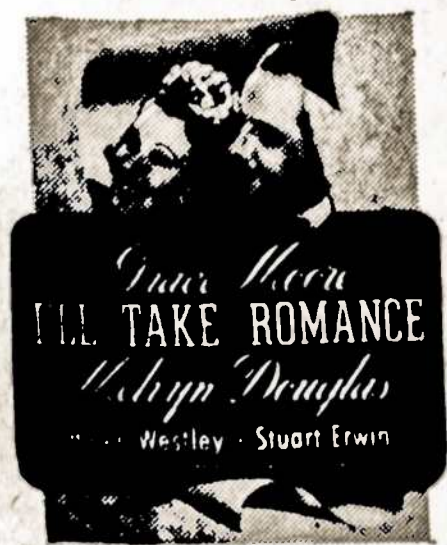
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The Back Yard Gardener

How things develop in this old world of ours is certainly mighty interesting. Take this holiday period of ours—in other words, Christmas and New Year's.

Christians of course celebrate Christmas as the birthday of Christ, and the word Christmas according to the dictionary is a contraction of Christ's mass.

The idea of exchanging gifts at this time is supposed to be the custom as started by the wise men in giving gifts to the Christ child, a least that's my understanding. Or perhaps you could look at it this way—the exchange of gifts is a custom which grew out of the fact that Christ taught us that to give is the only real service.

The other day I got hold of a little leaflet which offered some suggestions on Christmas parties and told of some of the Christmas customs which we now observe. For example, the Christmas tree itself was supposed to have originated in Germany. Tribes in that country at certain festivals offered human sacrifice,

and Sir Boniface or some other suggested that instead of a human sacrifice they offer as a sacrifice the young fir tree standing straight and tall and its top pointing to the sky.

The idea of lights on the Christmas tree was supposed to have originated with Martin Luther who put lights on the tree to make the tree look like the Christmas sky with its brilliant stars.

In Holland for centuries they have had a day in December when Saint Nicholas visited the children and left gifts of fruit and nuts in their shoes.

In Germany at Christmas Kris Krinkle—or in other words, the Christ Child—left gifts for the children. Then apparently Kris Krinkle and Saint Nicholas became one and the same person, and then somewhere along the line Santa Claus showed up. Saint Nicholas was supposed to ride on a white horse, and somewhere or other the horse got changed into a reindeer.

The bringing in of the Yule log is a custom which has come down to us from the Scandinavian countries. The burning of this log in the big fireplace was

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Simone Simon - Ben Bernie
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supposed to drive away evil spirits and jealousies and animosities.

According to tradition, the Druids, who were the pagan priests in ancient Gaul and Britain, cut sprays of oak leaves and mistletoe which they regarded as sacred. These they distributed among their worshippers and in return received gifts. Where the connection was made between mistletoe and a kiss from a lady I don't know, but it's all right with me if you can get away with it.

And then according to this same publication the Romans at this time of the year celebrated in honor of their god Saturn who was supposed to have instructed the people of Italy in agriculture. And they celebrated because this was the beginning of the new year. In other words, it was the turning point when the sun started northward and that meant renewed life and warmth for the growing crops. Why our New Year's day celebration is about 10 or 11 days late I've never been able to figure out.

However, I certainly am glad that Christmas is celebrated in the good old S. A. Most of us are pretty hard boiled and selfish. As one fellow put it, we are so busy doing things that seem important to us. And while we should keep Christmas throughout the year, we usually keep it only for a week or so at this season, but that helps.

Well, so much for that, and customs or no customs it's time for me to wish you a prosperous and resultful New Year, particularly in your back yard garden endeavors.

WATCH-NIGHT

The Watch-night service announced for the Congregational church at 10 o'clock Friday evening will be held at the "Homestead." The public is cordially invited.

CHURCH SERVICES

Trinitarian Church
Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Sunday school at ten o'clock. At 11, preaching service with a New Year's message on "Our Outlook." Anthems by the choir "Seek Ye the Lord" and "My Heart an Altar." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30. At 6:45, preaching at the Farms; at 7:00, the Senior Endeavor with consecration meeting; at 8, preaching at the vestry.

Monday at 7:30, prayer service at the Homestead with Mrs. Moody.

Tuesday, prayer service with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wright.

Wednesday, prayer service with Mrs. Neva Barber.

Thursday at 7:30, mass meeting at the church, followed by choir rehearsal.

South Church
Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship.

The service announced for last Sunday, having made way for another Christmas Reverie, will be given this Sunday. The subject will be the spiritual significance of the crow and the wolf, the eagle and the lion.

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Fred A. Hoiton, Chairman
The
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
Office of the Collector of Taxes
December 31, 1937

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon, severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Northfield by the Board of Assessors of said town, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Northfield on Saturday the fifteenth day of January, 1938, at one o'clock P. M., for the payment of said taxes, and interest, if any with all legal costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Mrs. Pearl K. Backus

A certain parcel of land containing 15 acres, more or less, together with the buildings thereon situated on the south side of the old road from Northfield to Warwick, the deed of which is recorded in Book 766 on Page 307 at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

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Miss Emily Clift

A certain parcel of land containing 1 1/4 acres, more or less, beginning on the east side of Hill Crest Place, south of land now or formerly owned by Arthur T. Pierson which is also the southwest corner of land now or late of Margaret R. Irvine the deed of which is recorded in Book 563 on Page 94.

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Willard H. Jennings, Heirs

A certain parcel of land containing 100 acres, more or less, being the Barber lot so-called, bounded by the land now or formerly of Henry Johnson, now or formerly of U. G. Stevens, now or formerly of Roswell Dickinson, and now or formerly of George Alexander and Charles H. Green, the deed of which is recorded in Book 282 on Page 307 at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

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Midnight Show

The new Paramount theatre in Brattleboro will present a gay midnight show New Year's eve. The doors will open at 11:15, Friday night, Dec. 31.

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